

In this week's Kukini



■ PACAF Airmen train with Marines during joint-service exercise at Kadena

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Additional Duty First Sergeants Symposium date change — The United States Air Force First Sergeant Academy will be conducting an additional duty First Sergeant Symposium on Hickam, Jan. 5-9. The course will be conducted at the Hawaii ANG Dining Facility on Hickam. Master sergeant selects will be considered, as well. All students must meet AF Fitness and Appearance Standards and be current with a minimum score of 75. Open enrollment ends Monday, Dec. 15. For more information or to enroll, contact your first sergeant prior to Monday, Dec. 15.

Free Sheraton Hawaii Bowl tickets for Airmen — PACAF Public Affairs has 300 free tickets to the 2008 Sheraton Bowl, University of Hawai'i vs. University of Notre Dame. Game is at the Aloha Stadium on Wednesday, Dec. 24, 3 p.m., at Aloha Stadium. This opportunity is for uniformed service members, including active-duty, Guard and Reserve. E-mail tickets requests to Capt Renee Lee, renee.lee@hickam.af.mil, to reserve up to four tickets. Tickets will be given out on a first-come-first-served basis, and the last day to request tickets is noon today, with ticket-distribution TBD.

Volunteers needed — The Airman and Family Readiness Center needs volunteers to assist with the Deployed/Remote Tour Families' Holiday Dinner, next Wednesday, Dec. 17 from 5 to 7 p.m. The event will be held on the AFRF Lanai. Volunteer duties consist of: clean up, photographers, dinner servers, craft/game tables, sign in, and name tags. For details, call Tech. Sgt. Cherie Greene at 449-0300.

Navy implements 'no guest policy' at the Pearl Harbor Commissary — The new policy goes into effect on December 8, 2008 at the Pearl Harbor commissary. Only authorized commissary patrons will be allowed entry into the commissary. Authorized commissary patrons will no longer be permitted to sponsor guests into the Pearl Harbor commissary. All dependent children 10 years old and older are required to have a valid ID Card in their possession when accompanying their parents into the commissary. For more information, log on to <http://www.commissaries.com>.

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Hickam remembers Dec. 7

By Capt. Robert E. Grimmert III
 15th Airlift Wing
 Commander's Action Group

Several World War II veterans of the historic December 7 Hickam Field attack and their families gathered here over the weekend to be part of Air Force Remembrance ceremonies.

The veterans returned to take part in a number of remembrance events, culminating in a remembrance ceremony early Sunday morning at the Hickam AFB flagpole. The ceremony included flag presentations to survivors and their family members, wreath laying and a flyover.

A number of those veterans shared their memories of that fateful day.

Max Baker, a private assigned to the 31st, said he recalls an over-eager young non-commissioned officer

who'd seen "too many John Wayne movies."

"We went to the armory to get the bombs and ammunition out, and it was locked," he said. "This NCO said to everyone, 'Stand back, I'm going to shoot the lock off.' Well, he missed the lock, and the doors were steel and that lead bullet just fell to the ground.

"Just about that time, though, the master sergeant arrived from home with the key, and we were able to get the ammunition and bombs out," he recalled with a chuckle.

The seasoned NCOs from World War I really saved a lot of lives that day. They sprang into action, getting the .30-caliber machine guns into action and cautioning everyone to avoid bunching up, Baker said.

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Photo by Dr. Philip Breeze

In paying tribute to the legacy of the December 7, 1941, attack on Hickam Field, base personnel were honored by the presence of three Army Air Corps veterans of that fateful day — (from left) Lou Roffman, Hugh Maloney and Max Baker — during a ceremony held last Sunday in Atterbury Circle.

Hickam intelligence group activates new detachment

By Tech. Sgt. Angie Lanier
 692d Intelligence Group
 Network Operations
 Maintenance NCOIC

The day before Thanksgiving was a historic one for the 692d Intelligence Group (692 IG), as Lt. Col. Ramona Younghanse took command of the group's newest unit, Detachment 1.

According to its new commander, the detachment adds to the capabilities of the 692 IG, which also includes the 324th Intelligence Squadron and the Pacific Air Intelligence Squadron (PAIS).

"The group provides seamless, dynamic global ISR processing, exploitation, dissemination, reallocation and reach-back capability for 13th Air Force in the Pacific," explained Col. Younghanse. "It works globally through missions such as the National



Photo by Senior Master Sgt. Michael Llanes

Lt. Col. Ramona Younghanse (center) accepts the Det. 1 guidon from Col. Thomas Geary (left), 692d Intelligence Group commander, during a unit standup/assumption of command ceremony held Wednesday, Nov. 26, at the Pacific Air Intelligence Squadron facility in Hangar 5. Also pictured: Senior Master Sgt. Jeffrey Inman, Det. 1 superintendent.

Tactical Integration and the Distributed Ground System-5 (DGS-5) site as part of the Distributed Common Ground

System (DCGS)."

Historically, the colonel added, the 692 IG Staff and the PAIS, which operates the

DGS-5, each had their own support elements.

"The detachment's activation combines the support elements from both the group staff and the PAIS into a single organization allowing for groupwide operational efficiencies in communications, logistics, personnel support, as well as program management and project oversight," she said. "Subordinate to the 480th Intelligence Wing at Langley AFB, the 692 IG Headquarters is at Hickam AFB and directly supports 13th Air Force and national agencies."

The colonel also pointed out that Det. 1 is a continuance of the Air Force's ongoing Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) transformation

"Activating Detachment 1 broadens support capabilities across the group's units and

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Savings limits raised for 2009

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFNS) — The Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board recently announced an increase in the 2009 elective deferral limit for regular Thrift Savings Plan contributions.

The limit is now \$16,500, up from \$15,500 for 2008.

In addition, contributions for the TSP catch-up plan will increase to \$5,500, up from the \$5,000 limit set for the last three years.

"TSP is a long-term retirement savings plan, which everyone should consider," said Fran Campbell, a human resources specialist at the Air Force Personnel Center here. "It's a great supplement to military and civilian retirement plans."

The plan gives investors the opportunity to lower their taxes each year they contribute, deferring taxes until the employee withdraws from the account after retirement.

"Investment money is deposited directly from each paycheck, so you never have to think about it. That makes it easy to 'pay yourself first' while only investing what you deem appropriate," Ms. Campbell said.

Catch-up contributions are additional tax-deferred contributions and are separate from regular TSP contributions. For those who are eligible, catch-up contributions provide a way for individuals to secure their retirement if they began investing later in their careers.

To be eligible for catch-up contributions, civilian and military employees must be age 50 or older in the year in which the first deduction from pay occurs. They must also be

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Rotary honors Hickam heroes

By Jackie Hites
 15th Airlift Wing
 Public Affairs

Since 2001, the Rotary Club of Pearl Harbor has honored our local military and civilian first responders for their service to our state and country during an annual heroes luncheon held Monday, Dec. 1, at the Pacific Club in downtown Honolulu.

This year, two Hickam members — Capt. Joseph Ringer, 15th Security Forces Squadron, and Staff Sgt. LaNitra Higgins, 15th Aeromedical Dental Squadron — were among the 26 heroes recognized by the group.

"We are here today to honor our guests on their exemplary service to our community and nation," said



Photo by Jackie Hites

Capt. Joseph Ringer (left), 15th Security Forces Squadron, and Staff Sgt. LaNitra Higgins, 15th Aeromedical Dental Squadron, were among 26 military members recognized by a Rotary Club of Pearl Harbor luncheon held Monday, Dec. 1.

Donna McLaughlin, Rotary Club of Pearl Harbor president. "It is truly a wonderful experience to meet these remarkable individuals and to honor them for their accomplishments."

The luncheon included an introduction of all 26 heroes, plus an informative "talk story with slides" from Maj. Gen. Robert G.E. Lee, State of Hawaii adjutant general.

For Col. Dean Wolford, 15th Airlift Wing vice commander, the event helped foster a connection between military members and the people they serve.

"The event definitely showed a spirit of appreciation from our local community," he said. "Today's luncheon was a fitting tribute to our men and women in uniform and the community's first responders who selflessly serve their state and nation."

ACTION LINE

Parking on ‘Chiefs’ Row’

Comment: I am writing concerning an ongoing problem on Ohana Nui Circle (a k a “Chiefs’Row”). The streets are extremely narrow, making two-way traffic flow impossible.

The problem is not so much the narrow streets, as it is residents parking along the street, instead of using their allocated parking in their own driveways. Parking is not scarce for these residents; not only do they have a garage, they also have a driveway long enough to hold two full-sized SUVs. Why are these people not made to use their own parking, instead of cluttering our streets?

Presumably, the streets were narrowed in sacrifice of giving these residents very generous three-car parking. Why are they not using it? Their driveways are empty, while they park on the street and impede the flow of traffic.

Aside from being incredibly inconsiderate, it’s a safety incident waiting to happen. Emergency response will be hard pressed to reach someone’s residence without delay. This is something that can be easily fixed by forcing people to use their driveways.

Housing has already put out a newsletter urging residents to use their driveways, and leave the off-street parking for short-term visitors, but it has been widely ignored. I am urging enforcement of this directive for the safety of residents who live beyond these first 10 houses or so, when you’re entering the division.

Response: I understand and appreciate your concern for the safety of our housing residents.

The width of the streets and street parking on Ohana Nui Circle is a matter of concern. However, as you are aware, on-street parking in this area is legal, and currently there are no plans to prohibit residents from parking on the street.

Although not an enforcement issue, in the interest of safety, I support Hickam Community Housing (HCH) in their efforts to encourage residents to park in their driveways. The Base Traffic Engineer assessed the situation and determined the no-parking rule on one side provides enough room for emergency vehicles as well as residents to pass.

The situation will improve in September 2009 when construction is complete and the back entrance to Ohana Nui Circle (Halehaka Street) will be opened for all traffic. Again, thank you for your concerns.

The Action Line is your direct link to me so we can work as a team to make Hickam a better community. I urge you to use the normal chain of command first. If you have done this and are still not satisfied, give my commander's Action Line a call. If you would like me to get back to you, leave your name and number, state your issue, tell me who you have talked to and why you were not satisfied with their response. I'll work your issue and respond verbally or in writing. The Action Line number is 449-2996. Messages may also be sent by e-mail to 15aw.pal@hickam.af.mil.

Diamond Tips

When to wear the uniform – When traveling, adhere to these standards of appearance: The uniform is optional when departing from a military airfield on DoD aircraft or U.S. government commercial contract flights. The battle dress uniform (BDU) is appropriate for deployed personnel. Wear appropriate civilian attire or the service uniform with tie or tab when traveling via commercial airports.



Questions? Contact your First Sergeant

Deadline for article submission is end of day Monday for Friday's issue. Copy must be typed, double-spaced 12-point type, 300-500 words in length, and e-mailed to hickam.kukini@hickam.af.mil.

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Kukini: Meaning swift and valued messenger, the Kukini in ancient times took news from one Hawaiian leader to another.

Airmen: Read any good books lately?

By Lt. Col. Chris Decker
376th Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron commander

A past wing commander once told me no emotion or feeling is original. As a young lieutenant, I took it as subtle advice that I could learn much from others. If I want to prepare myself for leadership, go study the history of our country and the lives of our country’s leaders.

As you make rank and complete your professional military education, you’ll find that most of our country’s great leaders made it a point to read history and biographies.

Reading played a huge part in their preparation to command during some of the darkest periods of our country’s existence. Army Gen. George S. Patton presents just one example. A military historian in his own right, he believed in preparing “for the unknown by studying how others in the past have coped with the unforeseeable and the unpredictable.”

If you don’t know who General Patton is or what he accomplished, I encourage you to pick up a book and read about him.

While deployed, Airmen have a perfect opportunity to study and start preparing for the unknown. Some take classes toward a degree. Some complete their PME. If you are not one of these people, think about productive ways to use your time. Instead of watching TV every day, go check out a book from the base library and start preparing yourself.

If you don’t know where to start, the chiefs of staff from each of our military services publishes a professional reading list. The base library stocks several books from the lists of past Air Force chiefs of staff.

Expand your horizons. Prepare for the unknown. Start reading now.



U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Michael Voss

Tech. Sgt. Dawn Guddle reads a book at the Manas Air Base Learning Resource Center in Kyrgyzstan. The LRC provides Airmen the chance to relax in a quiet area, take college tests, use phones and computers or simply take in a book. Sergeant Guddle is assigned to the 376th Expeditionary Force Support Squadron.

CSAF releases 2009 reading list

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — The following books are on the just-released reading list of Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz, the service’s 19th chief of staff. The list is divided into three areas: Military History; Mission, Doctrine and Profession; and Our Nation and World. The list, including authors, is as follows:

Military History

- *American Patriot: The Life and Wars of Colonel Bud Day* — Robert Coram
- *Fast Tanks and Heavy Bombers: Innovation in the U.S. Army, 1917-1945* — David E. Johnson
- *One Day Too Long: Top Secret Site 85 and the Bombing of North Vietnam* — Timothy Castle
- *The Savage Wars of Peace: Small Wars and the Rise of American Power* — Max Boot

Mission, Doctrine, Profession

- *Counterinsurgency Warfare: Theory and Practice* — David Galula
- *Making Twenty-First-Century Strategy: An Introduction to the Modern National Security Processes and Problems* — Dennis M. Drew and Donald M. Snow
- *Modern Strategy* — Colin S. Gray
- *Thinking about America's Defense: An Analytical Memoir* — Glenn A. Kent

Our Nation and World

- *Afghanistan: A Short History of its People and Politics* — Martin Ewans
- *Beating Goliath: Why Insurgencies Win* — Jeffrey Record
- *Contemporary Nuclear Debates: Missile Defense, Arms Control, and Arms Races in the Twenty-First Century* — Alexander Lennon
- *Not a Good Day to Die: The Untold Story of Operation Anaconda* — Sean Naylor.

What is your personal mission statement?

By Tech. Sgt. Ernest Owens
354th Fighter Wing command post

Have you ever tried traveling across the country without a road map? If not, then why travel into the future without a map? Recently during one of my business classes I came upon an interesting tool to use in life.

Our assignment was to come up with a personal mission statement and then a one-year and a 10-year plan for our lives. The professor expressed his desire that we take this to heart and not just as another assignment to get through. I took his advice and approached the assignment in such a manner. What follows is what I came up with and my thought process.

I know the Air Force mission statement: “The mission of the United States Air Force is to fly, fight, and win ... in air, space, and cyberspace” and our 354th Fighter Wing mission statement: “Prepare U.S. and allied aviation forces for combat, to deploy Airmen in support of global operations, and to enable the staging of

forces to promote U.S. interests in the Asia-Pacific region.”

But what could be my personal life mission statement? Here is what I came up with: “I will place family first, above all else. I will give 110 percent effort at work at all times and do what needs to be done to move up in rank and improve my work area. I will live as healthily as I can by staying active, at the same time keeping my family healthy by keeping them active as well. I will ensure to enjoy life!”

Now that I put my purpose in life into a mission statement I had to plan where I wanted to go in life.

This part of the assignment the professor stated always would be changing. As time goes by your desires in life change or you accomplish the plan you had and move on to another one. This was fun for me, I realized that I would someday retire from the Air Force and would need a plan as well for that day when it comes.

Here is what I came up with for my one-year and 10-year plans:

Short term (present to one year)

- Complete fall semester
- Study for and make master sergeant
- Increase my leadership skills at work
- Prepare my family for PCS’s.

Long term (one to 10 years)

- Complete Bachelor’s degree
- Make Senior Master Sergeant
- Help children succeed in school
- Retire from the Air Force
- Start my own business after retirement.

This is an easy and quick process that can help you. Don’t end up somewhere in life and ask yourself, “How did I get here?” Take the initiative and a little time to plan for your future. You will find writing these items down and reviewing them occasionally can help you stay focused and on track.

Remember, whenever you do something to improve yourself, you are also improving the Air Force. Improve yourself and get where you want to be while leaving the Air Force a better place at the same time.

'Tis the season for increased vigilance



Hickam’s 15th Security Forces Squadron kicked off its ‘Partnering Against Crime’ campaign against shoplifting in base business establishments last week. Security Forces personnel are stepping up monitoring of suspicious activity and taking a no-exceptions approach to shoplifting during the holidays. Posing next to one of the many more-than-seven-foot-tall reminders are (from left) Senior Master Sgt. Rob Hansford, 15th Security Forces Squadron; Staff Sgt. Jesus Serna, 15 SFS; Col. Charles Baumgardner, 15th Mission Support Group commander; Jeffrey Gardner, Hickam BXtra store manager; and Staff Sgt. Brandon Wylie, 15 SFS.

Photo by Jeff Nicolay

Airmen, Marines suit up during simulated combat-conditions exercise at Kadena

By Staff Sgt. Angelique Perez
18th Wing Public Affairs

KADENA AIR BASE, Japan (AFNS) — Japan-based Airmen and Marines came together for Exercise Beverly High 09-01 the first week of December at Kadena Air Base.

Airmen of the 18th Wing integrated with Marines from Marine Corps Station Iwakuni as they executed their missions under simulated combat conditions.

About 35 aircraft and 700 Marines from Marine Aircraft Group 12 took part in the training, with Marine F/A-18s and AV-8 Harriers flying alongside 18th Wing aircraft as well as flying “red air” sorties against the wing. KC-130 refueling

aircraft from Marine Corps Air Station Futenma also participated in the exercise.

“The Marine aircraft are providing a realistic threat replication to challenge our F-15 (Eagle) pilots,” said Maj. Michelle Shicks, an 18th Wing weapons and tactics officer.

“They are also supporting the joint force commander’s objectives by working in conjunction with the F-15s to employ air-to-ground ordnance and destroy enemy targets.”

For the Marines, the chance to integrate their air operations with the wing’s was invaluable.

“Joint training allows us to train as we fight,” said Marine Capt. Jeff Mueller, a weapons systems training officer with Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 242. “It also allows

us to iron out our differences in training and learn from our mistakes so that we can maximize lethality in combat.”

This type of joint training opportunity is limited in Okinawa, and both services made the most of it.

“This is a rare opportunity to stay in our local area and conduct joint training with an air-to-air mission happening with a simultaneous air-to-ground mission, all within the same airspace,” Major Shicks said. “(We are able to) employ in a joint integration arena, sharing new tactics, techniques and procedures and refining current employment procedures to better prepare for combat against any enemy.”

While the flying operation was a huge part of the exercise,

every facet of the wing’s wartime mission was tested. To validate unit readiness, the 18th Wing Plans and Programs Office exercises division, along with more than 300 exercise evaluation team members, created dozens of tough but realistic wartime scenarios to test Airmen on their critical wartime skills.

“Scenarios range from responding to an attack by a hostile nation to apprehending someone who absent-mindedly drives through one of the gates without showing an ID,” said Lt. Col. Steven Plank, 18th Wing Plans and Programs chief.

Other areas of evaluation included self-aid and buddy care responses to medical scenarios,

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Photo by Airman 1st Class Chad Warren

Firefighters from the 18th Civil Engineer Squadron remove an injured person from a building following a simulated missile strike Dec. 3 at Kadena Air Base, Japan. The simulation is part of Exercise Beverly High 09-01, a joint Air Force-Marine Corps exercise designed to test the ability of both services to execute their critical missions under simulated combat conditions.

Hickam’s Airman Leadership School announces Class 09-A graduates at Wednesday ceremony

By Senior Master Sgt. Vanessa A. Smallsbryant
15th Airlift Wing Director of Education/Airman Leadership School commandant

On Wednesday, the Hickam Professional Military Education Center played host to the graduation banquet for Airman Leadership School Class 09-A. More than 280 guests were treated to an entertaining evening highlighted by guest speaker Lt. Col. Rex S. Vanderwood, 15th Mission Support Group deputy commander.

Senior Airman Elisha N. Cole, 324th Intelligence Squadron, garnered top honors as the John L. Levitow Award recipient.

Senior Airman Joseph R. Clancy, 324 IS, earned the Leadership Award. Senior Airman Andrew H. Claremont, 324 IS, earned both the Academic Achievement Award and the Distinguished Graduate Award.

Other distinguished graduates were Senior Airman James D. Loew, 735th Air Mobility Squadron; Senior Airman Michael W. Garcia, 324 IS; Senior Airman Jackie L. Ford, from 324 IS; and Senior Airman Stephanie J. Haugland, 15th Civil Engineer Squadron.

The Airman Leadership School (ALS) is an Air Force educational program implemented at the base level that prepares senior airmen for

positions of greater responsibility. It provides many of the leadership skills required of supervisors and reporting officials throughout the Air Force.

ALS enhances the development of senior airmen by strengthening their ability to lead, follow, and manage while they gain a broader understanding of the military profession. The course encompasses three curriculum areas: profession of arms, leadership and communication skills. The lessons in the curriculum areas are distributed throughout the four graduate attributes: military professional, combat leader, supervisor of Airmen, and the supervisory communicator.

During the five-week course,

students also performed weekly reveille/retreat formations, uniform inspections and participated in weekly Fit-to-Fight activities.

In addition to maintaining ALS’ rigorous academic demands, students of Class 09-A volunteered time from their weekend to help out at the Airman’s Attic. Students sorted and inventoried donated items, performed general house cleaning, and participated in a car wash to help raise funds for the Airman’s Attic. Students also volunteered their time helping with Special Olympics.

Upon graduation from ALS, each student receives ten semester hours of college credit from the Community College

of the Air Force. Graduation from ALS completes the first of four levels of Air Force professional military education,

The graduates of ALS Class 09-A are as follows:

13th Air Force
SrA Rachel Rivas

15th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron
SrA Marcus Brown
SrA Hiyasmine Santos

15th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
SrA Daniel Blessing

15th Civil Engineer Squadron
SrA Joseph Cox

SrA Adrian Gary
SrA Stephanie Haugland

15th Logistics Readiness Squadron
SrA Tassinda Ward

15th Maintenance Squadron
SrA Daniel Barnett

15th Medical Operations Squadron
SrA Renee Benningfield
SrA Alria Delacruz
SrA Corina Rasing

15th Medical Support Squadron
SrA Becky Borchert
SrA Cathryn Davis

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Reservists, Guardsman plan, execute PACOM conference

By Staff Sgt.

Jennie Chamberlin

624th Regional Support Group
Public Affairs

NUSA DUA, Bali, Indonesia — A year's worth of planning by a team of reservists and a guardsman culminated in a three-day conference for the Chiefs of Defense from 26 Asia-Pacific nations.

The 2008 Chiefs of Defense conference was held Nov. 11-13 in Bali, Indonesia. This year, the annual conference was co-hosted by United States Pacific Command and the Tentara Nasional Indonesia, or Indonesian Defense Forces.

The conference is a forum for Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff or their equivalents in the Asia-Pacific region and other nations who have an active military presence in the area, said 2nd Lt. Kenny Ruggles, CHOD conference coordinator.

Behind such a large mission is the planning that makes such a forum possible. Lieutenant Ruggles, a reservist with the 624th Regional Support Group, served as the conference coordinator and was responsible for overseeing the planning and execution of the conference.

While the conference is only three days, many details must be attended to and coordinated throughout the whole year, said Lieutenant Ruggles. Conference facilities, lodging, and

support staff for the distinguished visitors must be managed seamlessly.

Part of the difficulty in planning such a large event is dealing with people globally, said Chief Master Sgt. Art Gragas, deputy conference coordinator and an Individual Mobilization Augmentee with Pacific Air Forces. Working through time differences and differing priorities can be challenging, he said.

With challenges come rewards, and Lieutenant Ruggles said he found his in working with the Indonesian military to overcome obstacles that came up along the way.

"It was rewarding to work through hurdles with another country to execute a successful conference," he said. "It's an example of two countries working together successfully."

The end result is a place where leaders can come to talk and work collectively, said Chief Gragas. The military leaders discussed common issues such as energy, piracy, disaster response and the environment, he said.

General Djoko Santoso, Commander-in-Chief of the Indonesian Defense Forces and co-host of the conference, also said he felt the conference was an important forum for bringing Asia-Pacific and other military leaders together.

"From such positive discus-



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Elisia Gonzales

Second Lieutenant Kenny Ruggles, 624th Regional Support Group, receives a coin from Navy Admiral Timothy J. Keating, Commander, United States Pacific Command, in recognition of his efforts in planning last month's 2008 Chiefs of Defense Conference in Bali, Indonesia. Lieutenant Ruggles is a reservist with the 48th Aerial Port Squadron based at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii, and served as this year's conference coordinator for the annual event. Indonesia co-hosted this year's CHOD conference, which is an annual gathering of the Joint Chiefs of Staff equivalents from Asia Pacific nations.

sions and presentations, all the participating Chiefs of Defense Forces gained lessons learned in how to keep up with the dynamic development in the region and how to get a common perception on various crucial issues of mutual concern," the general said.

The yearlong planning is all to ensure that the conference

attendees can have a productive and pleasant conference, said Chief Gragas.

"It's nice when people come back to you and tell you how they appreciate the effort you've provided," he said. "When the people you work with are happy, I think that gives you the biggest sense of accomplishment."

TSP, From A1

in a pay status and be able to certify they will make, or have made, the maximum “regular” employee contributions of \$16,500 to a TSP or other eligible account by the end of 2009. Other eligible accounts include uniformed services TSP accounts or other eligible employer plans, such as 401Ks. To be eligible, employees cannot be in the six-month, non-contribution period following a financial hardship in-service withdrawal.

Military members and Air Force-serviced civilians qualifying for TSP programs can find more information online at the AFPC’s “Ask” Web site (enter “Thrift Savings Plan” in the search function). More TSP information is available at <http://www.tsp.gov>. See “Summary of the Thrift Savings Plan” located under civilian or uniformed services TSP Forms and Publications.

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mission sets,” she said. “This exciting step optimizes our manpower resources and duties making us much more operationally efficient, while offering our Airmen more opportunities to lead, expand their skills sets and apply their expertise.”

Col. Thomas Geary, 692d Intelligence Group commander, who officiated over the ceremony, was equally enthusiastic.

“Adding Detachment 1 enables a streamlined, one-stop approach to systems support to enhance the prosecuting of ISR missions for 13th Air Force and globally with our national partners,” he said. “In the end, we will provide better direct support to the warfighter.”

KADENA, From A3

ranging from loss of a limb, severe head trauma and more.

The exercise also allowed units to prepare for the deployment process by sending Airmen through the Installation Deployment Readiness Center where they are processed and briefed for simulated deployments to various locations around the world.

“Training exercises like this help us put into practice the proper response procedures involved with a hostile environment,” said Airman 1st Class Timothy Stencil, a tech controller with the 18th Communications Squadron. “The more we prepare at home station, the more it will become second nature to respond correctly when the time comes to perform in a real-world situation.”



Shoplifting

Army Air Force Exchange Service store detectives observed the spouse of a Soldier attempting to remove merchandise totaling \$48.55 without rendering payment. The individual will have his/her AAFES privileges revoked for one year and is awaiting a magistrate hearing.

Damage to government property

An E-6 assigned to 15 SFS reported damage to government property from Bldg.

4073/Kuntz Gate. The case is currently under investigation.

Damage to personal property

A civilian assigned 15 CS reported damage to personal property on Worthington Avenue. The case is currently under investigation.

Damage to personal property

An E-3 assigned to 15 SFS reported theft of personal property from Bldg. 1805/Mathies Hall. The case is currently under investigation.

Citation total for the week

- 4 Abandoned vehicle notices
- 4 Civilian traffic citations
- 17 Moving traffic citations
- 7 Non-moving traffic citations.

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Like many on the base that morning, retired Col. Hugh Mahoney, then a second lieutenant, was on the flight line waiting for a flight of new B-17Ds to arrive from Hamilton Field, California.

“After the first attack ended, I was mad,” he said. “I wanted to fight, so I jumped in with a mixed crew who needed a navigator, and we launched. Col. Brooke Allen was at the stick, and one other plane joined us.”

As Mahoney explained, he and the other American pilots

thought the Japanese fleet was to the south. And it is probably for that reason that Lieutenant Mahoney survived to navigate “Hell on Wings” across the Pacific in the ensuing years, and earn a Silver Star for gallantry in the process.

Lou Roffman was a young technical sergeant assigned to the 31st Bombardment Squadron as a B-17 flight engineer. He remembers having been on alert through most of November of that year and going into town to celebrate his unit’s release from

alert status. As he describes it, he spent the evening of Saturday, Dec. 6, 1941, letting off a little steam and says he was sleeping it off the following morning when loud booms and the sound of low-flying aircraft awakened him.

“I thought, ‘damn those gunners over at Fort Kam,’” he said. “‘Can’t a guy get a little sleep?’ And it wasn’t unusual for us Army Air Corps guys and the Navy fliers over at Pearl to fly over the other fellows if we knew they’d been having a

party the night before.” But luck was with him that morning, he explained. He’d skipped chow to try to catch a few extra winks and was still in his bunk when the mess hall took a direct hit. His luck continued the next day when he and his crew — one of only two to get into the air that day — were sent south to search for the Japanese fleet. “If we had found them that day — just our two aircraft, I wouldn’t be here today to talk about it,” he said.

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